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Recent Bills Introduced

In the past couple weeks, I have introduced a couple important pieces of legislation that will positively benefit the constituents of the 92nd Assembly District as well as Wisconsinites across our great state. Many of my colleagues in the Assembly and Senate have signed on to both bills supporting the ideas.

The first bill modifies the medical care insurance deduction for self-employed individuals, also referred to as sole-proprietors. Essentially, this bill will allow those who own small businesses the ability to deduct the cost of health insurance from their income taxes. I introduced this bill during the 2019-2020 legislative session, but unfortunately the Senate did not pass the bill in their chamber.

In addition, the second bill I introduced relates to motor vehicle instruction permit and probationary license eligibility and duration. If this bill is signed into law, it will allow an individual to get their instruction permit at age 15 instead of the current 15 and 6 months requirement currently under Wisconsin law. There are twenty-eight other states that grant eligibility to individuals 15 years of age or younger to apply for their instruction permit. This bill does not affect the probationary license requirement for 16 years of age to be eligible nor does it affect any driver's education course requirements. This will allow parents the ability to choose whether or not to have their child begin driving at age 15 or 15 and 6 months, but not require them to begin at age 15.

There are a couple different reasons for changing the age requirement for an instruction permit. Often times a student driver, based on their birthday, does not even practice driving in inclement weather conditions such as snow nor do they have an adequate amount of time driving in both rural and urban settings. Allowing six months more driving time may allow for student drivers to be able to drive in inclement weather conditions as well as a variety of settings whether it be in rural or urban areas.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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